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veda-dia \ve'-dā-yā\ n [NL, genus name] (1889) : an Australian ladybug (*Radolia cardinalis*) introduced to many countries to control scale insects — called also *vedalia beetle*

Ve-dan-ta \vā'-dān-tā, -tā, -dān-\ n [Skt *Vedānta*, lit., end of the Veda, fr. *Veda* + *anta* end; akin to OE *ende* end] (1788) : an orthodox system of Hindu philosophy developing esp. in a qualified monism the speculations of the Upanishads on ultimate reality and the liberation of the soul — Ve-dan-tism \vā'-dān-tī-zm, -dān-\ n — Ve-dan-tist \vā'-dān-tist, -dān-\ n

Ve-dan-tic \vā'-dān-tik, -dān-\ adj (1882) 1 : of or relating to the Vedanta philosophy 2 : VIDIC

Ved-da or Ved-dah \vē'-dā\ n [Sinhalese *vedda* hunter] (1681) : a member of an aboriginal people of Sri Lanka

Ved-dold \vē'-dōld\ n (1928) : a member of a race of southern Asia traditionally classified by such physical features as wavy to curly hair, chocolate-brown skin color, and slender body build — Ved-dold adj

ve-dette or vi-dette \vē'-det\, -vē'-det\ n [F, fr. It *vedetta*, alter. of *veletta* prob. fr. Sp *vela* watch, fr. *velar* to keep watch, fr. L *vigilare* to wake, watch, fr. *vigil* awake — more at VIGIL] (ca. 1611) : a mounted sentinel stationed in advance of pickets

Ve-dic \vā'-dik\ adj (1848) : of or relating to the Vedas, the language in which they are written, or Hindu history and culture between 500 B.C. and 500 A.D.

vee \vē\ n (ca. 1883) 1 : something shaped like the letter V 2 : the letter v

vee-lay \vē'-lāy\ n [video jockey] (ca. 1981) : an announcer of a program (as on television) that features music videos

veena \vē-nā\ n [Fr. v. p. (abbr. for vice president)] (1949) : VICE PRESIDENT

veer \vēr\ v [ME *veren*, of LG or D origin; akin to MD *vieren* to slacken, MLG *vieren*] (15c) : to let out (as a rope)

veer, vb [ME *veren*, fr. MF *vire*, fr. OF, to throw with a twisting motion, fr. VL *vibrare*, alter. of L *vibrare* to wave, propel suddenly — more at VIBRATE] vi (15c) 1 : to change direction or course (the economy ~ed sharply downward) 2 : of the wind : to shift in a clockwise direction — compare BACK 3 : to wear ship ~ vi : to direct to a different course; specif.: WEAR 7 syn see SWERVE — veer-ing-ly \vēr'-ing\ adv

veer n (ca. 1611) : change in course or direction (a ~ to the right)

vee-ry \vēr'-ē\ n, pl. veerées [prob. imit.] (1838) : an American thrush (*Catharus fuscescens*) common in the eastern U.S.

veg \vēg\ n, pl. veg (1918) chiefly Brit : VEGETABLE

veg-a \vēg'\, -ā\ n [NL, fr. Ar. (*al-Nasr*) *al-Waq'*, lit., the falling (vulture)] (ca. 1638) : the brightest star in the constellation Lyra

veg-an \vē'-gān\ also \vā'-ān\ or \vā'-ān\ n [by contr. fr. *vegetarian*] (1944) : a strict vegetarian who consumes no animal food or dairy products; also : one who abstains from using animal products (as leather) — vegan adj — veg-an-ism \vēg'-ān-izm, -vā'-ān-izm\ n

veg-e-ta-ble \vēj-tā-bal, -vē'-tā-bal\ adj [ME, fr. ML *vegetabilis* vegetative, fr. *vegetare* to grow, fr. L, to animate, fr. *vegetus* lively, fr. *vegere* to enliven — more at WAKE] (15c) 1 a : of, relating to, constituting, or growing like plants b : consisting of plants: VEGETATIONAL 2 : made from, obtained from, or containing plants or plant products (<~ soup> <~ fat) 3 : resembling or suggesting a plant (as in inertness or passivity)

2 vegetable n (15c) 1 : PLANT 1b 2 : a usu. herbaceous plant (as the cabbage, bean, or potato) grown for an edible part that is usu. eaten as part of a meal; also : such an edible part 3 : a person whose mental and physical functioning is severely impaired and esp. one who requires supportive measures (as mechanical ventilation) to survive

vegetable ivory n (1842) 1 : the hard white opaque endosperm of the ivory nut that takes a high polish and is used as a substitute for ivory 2 : IVORY NUT

vegetable marrow n (ca. 1816) chiefly Brit : any of various smooth-skinned elongated summer squashes with creamy-white to deep green skins

vegetable oil n (1765) : an oil of plant origin; esp : a fatty oil from seeds or fruits

vegetable oyster n (ca. 1818) : SALISIFY

vegetable pear n (1887) : CHAYOTE

vegetable wax n (1815) : a wax of plant origin secreted commonly in thin flakes by the walls of epidermal cells

veg-e-ta-bly \vēj-tā-bly, -vē'-tā-bly\ adj or adj (1651) : in the manner of or like a vegetable

veg-e-tal \vēj-tāl\ adj [ML *vegetare* to grow] (15c) 1 : VEGETABLE 2 : VEGETATIVE 3 : of or relating to the vegetal pole of an egg or to that part of an egg from which the endoderm normally develops (<~ blastomeres>)

vegetal pole n (1896) : the point on the surface of an egg that is diametrically opposite to the animal pole and usu. marks the center of the protoplasm containing more yolk — see BLASTULA, ILLUSTRATION

veg-e-tar-i-an \vēj-tār'-ē-ən\ n [vegetable + *arian*] (1839) 1 : one who believes in or practices vegetarianism 2 : HERBIVORE

2 vegetarian adj (1849) 1 : of or relating to vegetarians 2 : consisting wholly of vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts, and sometimes eggs or dairy products (a ~ diet)

veg-e-tari-an-ism, -vēj-tār'-ē-ən-izm\ n (ca. 1851) : the theory or practice of living on a vegetarian diet

veg-e-tate \vēj-tāt\ vb -tat-ed; -tat-ing [ML *vegetatus*, pp. of *vegetare* to grow] vi (1605) 1 a : to grow in the manner of a plant; also : to grow exuberantly or with proliferation of fleshy or warty outgrowths b : to produce vegetation 2 : to lead a passive existence without exertion of body or mind ~ vi : to establish vegetation in or on

veg-e-tation \vēj-tā-shn\ n (1564) 1 : the act or process of vegetating 2 : inert existence 3 : plant life or total plant cover (as of an area) 4 : an abnormal growth upon a body part (fibrin ~ on the micturition valve) — veg-e-tation-al \vēj-tā-shn-əl, -shn-əl\ adj

veg-e-ta-tive \vēj-tā-tiv, -tā-tiv\ adj (14c) 1 a (1) : growing or having the power of growing (2) : of, relating to, or engaged in nutritive and growth functions as contrasted with reproductive functions (a ~ nucleus) b : promoting plant growth (the ~ properties of soil) c : of, relating to, or involving propagation by nonsexual processes or methods 2 : relating to, composed of, or suggesting vegetation 3 : of or

relating to the division of nature comprising the plant kingdom 4 a : AUTONOMIC 1 b : characterized by, resulting from, or being a state of severe mental impairment in which only involuntary bodily functions are sustained 5 : VEGETABLE 3 — veg-e-ta-tive-ly adv — veg-e-ta-tive-ness n

ve-ge-te \vēj-tē\ adj [L *vegetus* — more at VEGETABLE] (1639) archaic : LIVELY, HEALTHY

veg-gie also veg-je \vēj-ē\ n [by shortening & alter.] (1955) 1 : VEGETABLE 2 slang : VEGETARIAN

veggie burger n (1972) : a patty chiefly of vegetable-derived protein used as meat substitute; also : a sandwich containing such a patty veg out \vēj-ut\ vt vegged out; veg-ging out [short for vegetate] (1980) : to spend time idly or passively

ve-he-mence \vēj-o-mēns\ n (15c) : the quality or state of being vehement: INTENSITY

ve-he-men-tly \vēj-o-mēntl\ adj [ME, fr. L *vehementem*, vehement, *vehement*, *venemus*] (15c) : marked by forceful energy: POWERFUL (as windy); as a : intensely emotional: IMPASSIONED, FERVID (<~ patriotism>) b (1) : deeply felt (a ~ suspicion) (2) : forcibly expressed (<~ denunciations>) c : bitterly antagonistic (a ~ debate) — ve-he-men-tly adv

ve-hic-le \vēj-kēl\ also \vēj-hē-kēl\ n [F *véhicule*, fr. L *vehiculum* carriage, conveyance, fr. *vehere* to carry — more at WAY] (1612) 1 a : an inert medium (as a syrup) in which a medicinally active agent is administered b : any of various media acting usu. as solvents, carriers, or binders for active ingredients or pigments 2 : an agent of transmission : CARRIER 3 : a medium through which something is expressed, achieved, or displayed (an investment ~); esp : a work created esp. to display the talents of a particular performer 4 : a means of carrying or transporting something (planes, trains, and other ~s); as a : MOTOR VEHICLE b : a piece of mechanized equipment

ve-hic-u-lar \vēj-hē-kē-lär\ adj (1616) 1 a : of, relating to, or designed for vehicles and esp. motor vehicles b : transported by vehicle c : caused by or resulting from the operation of a vehicle (<~ homicide>) 2 : serving as a vehicle

V-8 \vēj-ēt\ n (1930) : an internal combustion engine having two banks of four cylinders each with the banks at an angle to each other; also : an automobile having such an engine

veil \vēl\ n [ME *veil*, fr. AF *veille*, fr. L *vela*, pl. of *velum* sail, awning, curtain] (13c) 1 a : a length of cloth worn by women as a covering for the head and shoulders and often esp. in Eastern countries for the face; specif.: the outer covering of a nun's headdress b : a length of veiling or netting worn over the head or face or attached for protection or ornament to a hat or headdress (a bridal ~) c : any of various liturgical cloths; esp : a cloth used to cover the chalice 2 : the life of a nun — often used in the phrase *take the veil* 3 : a concealing curtain or cover of cloth 4 : something that resembles a veil (<~ of stars>); esp : something that hides or obscures like a veil (<lift the ~ of secrecy>) 5 : a covering body part or membrane: as a : VELUM b : CAUL

2 veil vt (14c) : to cover, provide, obscure, or conceal or as if with a veil ~ vi : to put on or wear a veil

veiled \vēl'd\ adj (14c) 1 a : having or wearing a veil or a concealing cover (<~ hat>) b : characterized by softening tonal distortion 2 : obscured as if by a veil : DISGUISED (<~ threats>)

veil-ing \vēl'-ēng\ n (13c) 1 : any of various light sheer fabrics 2 : VEIL

vein \vēn\ [ME *veine*, fr. AF, fr. L *vena*] (14c) 1 a : a narrow water channel in rock or earth or in ice b (1) : LOBE 2 (2) : a bed of useful mineral matter c : LODGE 3 2 : BLOOD-VESSEL; esp : any of the tubular branching vessels that carry blood from the capillaries toward the heart 3 a : any of the vascular bundles forming the framework of a leaf b : any of the thickened cuticular ribs that serve to stiffen the wings of an insect 4 : something suggesting veins (as in reticulation); specif.: a wavy variegation (as in marble) 5 a : a distinctive mode of expression: STYLE (stories in a romantic ~) b : a distinctive element or quality: STRAIN (introduced a welcome ~ of humor) c : a line of thought or action (renewed discussion along the same ~) 6 a : a special aptitude (inherited an artistic ~) b : a usu. transitory and casually attained mood c : top form (thou troublest me; I am not in the ~ Shaks.) — vein-l\ adj

vein vt (1502) : to pattern with or as if with veins

veined \vēnd\ adj (ca. 1529) : patterned with or as if with veins : having venation: STREAKED (<a ~ leaf> <~ marble> <~ cheese>)

vein-er \vē-nēr\ n (1895) : a small V gouge used in wood carving

vein-ing \vēn'-ēng\ n (1826) : a pattern of veins: VENATION

vein-let \vēn'-ēt\ n (1831) : a small vein

veiny \vē-nē\ adj (1611) : full of veins: noticeably veined (<~ hands>)

vei abbr velocity

vei-la-men \vēlā-mēn\ n, pl. vei-la-men \vēlā-mēn\ n [NL, fr. *velum* curtain] (1882) : the thick corky epidermis of aerial roots of an epiphytic orchid that absorbs water from the atmosphere

vei-lar \vēlār\ adj [NL *velaris*, fr. *velum*] (1876) 1 : formed with the back of the tongue touching or near the soft palate (<the ~ of 'Kull' cool>) 2 : of, forming, or relating to a velum and esp. the soft palate — velar n

vei-lar-i-um \vēlār-ē-əm\ n, pl. vei-la-ri-um \vēlār-ē-əm\ n [L, fr. *velum* curtain] (1834) : an awning over an ancient Roman theater or amphitheater

vei-lar-i-za-tion \vēlār-ē-zā-shn\ n (1915) 1 : the quality or state of being velarized 2 : an act or instance of velarizing

vei-lar-i-ze \vēlār-ēz\ vt -lized; -liz-ing (1915) : to modify (as the ~ of 'full pool') by a simultaneous velar articulation

Velcro \vēl'-kro\ trademark — used for a closure consisting of a piece of fabric of small hooks that sticks to a corresponding fabric of small loops

vei-eld or veldt \vēlēt, \vēlēt\ n [Afrik. *veld*, fr. D, field; akin to OE *feld* field] (1835) : a grassland esp. of southern Africa usu. with scattered shrubs or trees

vei-ill-ger \vēlō-jēr, \vēlō-jēr\ n [NL, fr. *velum* + *ger* bearing, fr. *gerere* to bear] (1877) : a larval mollusk in the stage when it has developed the velum

vei-ell-ig-ty \vēlēt'-ēt, \vēlēt'-ēt\ n, pl. -ties [NL *velletas*, fr. L *velle* to wish, will — more at WILL] (1616) 1 : the lowest degree of volition 2 : a slight wish or tendency: INCLINATION

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